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CHESS TOURNAMENTS

March 8, 1997- at Art Bayley's-2608 Pacific Drive #4, Fargo ND 58103-(701)239-4985
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March 22, 1997-Spring Fever Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux room) Grand Forks, ND
April 12, 1997-April Showers Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux room) Grand Forks, ND
May 3-4 1997-ND Scholastic-Mandan High School, 905 8th Ave NW, Mandan, ND
May 16,1997 ND Speed Tournament-Best Western Doublewood Inn-Bismarck, ND
May 17-18, 1997-ND Closed-Best Western Doublewood Inn-Bismarck, ND

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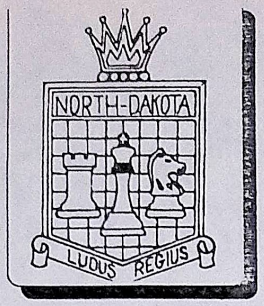

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Bayley's-Sat. March 8, 1997-2608 Pacific Coast Dr. Apt #4, Fargo, ND. From I-94, take downtown Fargo exit, then So. on University Dr. to 27th Av., then west 4 blocks to Pacific Dr. EF. 10, TC. 35/75, then g/30. Rds. Ist rd 10. AM. Succeeding rds when games are finished. Peter Thompson will give a workshop on Rook & Pawn endings (no fee) at 9 A.M.

Spring Fever Open- Saturday, March 22, 1997 at UND, Student Union. EF-$10. Reg. at 9:30 AM. Rds. 10-1-4-7. Time controls are G/75 for #1 & #2. G/90 for #3 and G/100 for #4. Sudden death rules apply as stated above. Get some norm points by doing well in this four round tourney. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

April Showers Open-Saturday April 12, 1997 at UND ,Student Union, Grand Forks, ND EF-$10.00. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rds. at 10-2-6. Time Controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

1997 ND Scholastic-Saturday-Sunday May 3-4, 1997 at Mandan High School , 905 8th Ave. NW, Mandan, ND. Located next to Mandan Community Center(use 7 Seas exit on I-94). Primary(grades 1-3), Middle School(grades 4-6), Junior High(grades 7-9) High School(grades 10-12). **Entry Fee**: $6.00 per player High School and Junior High and $4.00 per player Primary and Middle School (no discount for teams as in past years as we will have medals for Championship team members. **Prizes:** Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd to individual winners in each section (tiebreak used for 2nd and 3rd place trophies), Trophy to 1st place team (tiebreak used) Register by mail if at all possible. Registration at site 10:00-10:30 AM 5/3/97. Rds Primary and Middle School-Saturday 11am-1pm-2pm-3pm-4:15pm. High School & Jr. High-Saturday 11:00am/2:00pm/5:00pm; Sunday 10:00am/ 1:00pm
Mail Entries to: Ronald Schauer, Box 7084, Bismarck, ND 58507. For information call: (701)222-3278 or (701)673-3482.

1997 North Dakota Speed- Friday May 16, 1997 At the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck (Rm. 106). Register 7:00-7:20pm. Matches starting at 7:30pm. Bring your clocks.

1997 North Dakota Closed-Saturday-Sunday May 17-18th, 1997 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. USCF RATED. Entry fee: $25; $20 for students and those under 18 years of age. $5.00 off if you stay at the Doublewood Inn. Registration is from: 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. May 17th. Rd. #1 starts at 10:00 A.M. and is game in 90. After your first round take a lunch break and be back by 1:45 P.M. for the annual NDCA meeting. The time control for rounds 2-5 will be 40/2 hours and 15/30 minutes thereafter. Rd. #2 will start as soon as possible after the annual meeting and round #3 will be at 7:30 P.M. Rounds 4 and 5 Sunday will be at 9:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. No smoking or computers are allowed. No late entry penalty for registering on May 17th. NDCA and USCF membership is required and is available at the tournament. Please bring clocks if you have one. Sets and boards will be provided. Prizes based on entries. Trophy to Ist, 2nd and top A,B,C,D,E/UNR, and free entry to "1998 Closed to "97" Champion. Mail Entries to: Ronald Schauer, Box 7084, Bismarck, ND 58507. For information call: (701)222-3278 or (701)673-3482.

Stefan Popel Memorial
LVOV, UKRAINE

In December of 1996 a memorial tournament was held in Lvov, Ukraine for North Dakota's first Chess Hall of Fame member Stefan Popel. Popel was a strong chess master who grew up in the Ukraine before emigrating to Paris. Popel came to North Dakota after he left Paris and was a professor of French Literature in Fargo, ND. Maksimenko did Popel's memory proud in the tournament by scoring an undefeated 6.5 out of 9 games for a performance rating of 2619. GM Oleg Romanishin, a Lvov native, was second at 6 and GM Adrian Mikhalchisin had 5.5. Mikhalchism and GM Alexander Beliavsky now play under the Slovenia flag in international competition but both still reside in Lvov. GM Petrosian and IM Buturin had 5 points, IMs Kosakov and Koziak had 4.5 points, GM Rotstein and IM Skomorochin had 4 points and FM Baczynski, of the USA, had 0 points.

POPEL MEMORIAL
Moorhead, Minnesota

No.	NOVEMBER 23-24, 1996	STATE	PRE	POST	RND #1	RND #2	RND #3	RND #4	RND #5	TOTAL
1	SAILER, MIKE	ND	2181	2188	W6	W3	W2	W4	W5	5.0
2	CASE, RICK	ND	1934	1927	W7	W5	L1	D3	W6	3.5
3	GOPLEN, ARMAN D.	ND	1600	1627	W8	L1	D5	D2	W7	3.0
4	DAEHLIN, JONATHAN	MN	1527	1548	L5	E7	E6	L1	W8	3.0
5	BAKKEN, CHRIS B.	ND	0	1655	W4	L2	D3	W8	L1	2.5
6	BUERKLE, ROGER M.	ND	1504	1504	L1	W8	L4	W7	L2	2.0
7	BAYLEY, ARTHUR W.	ND	1523	1500	L2	L4	W8	L6	L3	1.0
8	MANIKKAN, PHIL M.	ND	963	1033	L3	L6	L7	L5	L4	0.0

HOLIDAY OPEN

No.	DECEMBER 7, 1996	STATE	PRE	POST	RND #1	RND #2	RND #3	TOTAL
1	SAILER, MIKE	ND	2188	2198	W6	W3	W2	3.0
2	HANSON, LYLE	SD	1972	1972	W8	W4	L1	2.0
3	CASE, RICK	ND	1927	1924	W7	L1	W5	2.0
4	BAKKEN, CHRIS B.	ND	1655	1681	W9	L2	W6	2.0
5	WINEGAR, MICAH L.	ND	1298	1342	W7	W8	L3	2.0
6	BAYLEY, ARTHUR W.	ND	1500	1500	L1	W9	L4	1.0
7	ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	ND	1421	1409	L3	L5	W9	1.0
8	SAILER, DALE R.	ND	1500	1500	L2	L5	U- - -	0.0
9	SAILER, JON	ND	1302	1280	L4	L6	L7	0.0

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Open to ND residents-Cost $10-$15 depending on entrants. John Allensworth is TD and results will be rated by USCF. Moves can be sent via e-mail or regular mail at mutual consent of players. Contact John Allensworth, 1438 Fernwood Dr., Grafton, ND 58237 (701)352-0352. Entries close March 15, 1997. If entering send name, address, phone number, postal rating if any, and USCF #. NDCA membership is also required. John will contact those who respond.

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Lonnie Best
English 165
4 Nov. 1994

The Amazing Bobby Fischer

It does not take a chessplayer to realize that Bobby Fischer is an absolutely amazing man. Aside from his numerous chess accomplishments, he has an astronomical I.Q. with an exceptional memory; in the world of chess, no player has ever proved to be as devoted as Bobby Fischer. Fischer is "generally acknowledged as the greatest chessplayer of all time" (Pandolfini 1). Robert James Fischer was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 9, 1943. His parents were divorced in 1945, and his mother moved him and his sister to Brooklyn a year or so later. "At the age of six he acquired a chess set and soon became deeply absorbed in the game" (Hooper and Whyld 115). This was the beginning of a legend.

Bobby Fischer had many incredible chess accomplishments. At age twelve, Fischer began to visit the great Manhattan Chess Club ,which had the best players in the country, and "even then hardly anybody could beat him" (Schonberg 258). At age thirteen, Fischer beat International Master, Donald Byrne, in what was generally acknowledged as the "game of the century." "The winning moves were perhaps the most insightful ever played by a youngster" (Pandolfini 2). In 1957, at age fourteen, he won the U.S. Junior Championship, which was a nice accomplishment for a young man of his age. However, that same year he won the U.S. Senior Championship overtaking the renowned Samuel Reshevsky, which was an amazing accomplishment for a man of any age. Fischer became the youngest grandmaster in the history of chess at age fifteen. "At 16 he was able to earn his living from chess" (Hooper 115), and he added status to any tournament he attended. Now the only steps left were to win the Candidates Matches and then the World Championship Match. In 1971, step one was completed with superior dominance, leaving only the World Championship Match. In 1972, Fischer domineered Borris Spassky to become the World Champion.

Contributing to Bobby Fischer's numerous chess accomplishments, was his high I.Q. and enormous memory. "There is probably no other topic that intrigues chessplayers as much as the inner machinations of the mind of Bobby Fischer" (Brady V). Chessplayers universally feel that they can improve their own game by understanding how Fischer's mind operates, but it does not take a chess player to realize that Fischer has enormous mental capabilities. A political scientist, at Fischer's high school in Brooklyn, had an opportunity to study Fischer's personal records. He was amazed to see that Fischer's I.Q. was in the range of 180, a very high genius. In addition, Fischer has an incredibly retentive memory. On one occasion, right before the World Championship Match in Reykjavik, Fischer toured Iceland for a few days. One morning he called Frederick Olaffson, who was Iceland's only grandmaster. Olaffson's Icelandic speaking daughter answered the phone and Fischer said, "Mr Olaffson, please." The girl explained that her father and mother were out of the house and would not return until dinner. Fischer did not know one word of Icelandic and he did not understand the little girl. Fischer had to hang up with an apology. Later that day Fischer met up with another Icelandic chess player that spoke English. After explaining what had happened, Fischer "then repeated every Icelandic word he had heard over the telephone, imitating the sounds with perfect inflection, so well, as a matter of fact, that the Icelander translated the message word for word" (Brady vii). Another amazing example of his the mental capacity was witnessed by Frank Brady: In 1963 Fischer played in and won the New York State Open Championship at Poughkeepsie, New York. During the last round

I was involved in a complicated ending with Frank S. Meyer . . . Fischer, on his way to the washroom, briefly paused at my board -for perhaps five seconds- and then walked on. A few months later, he visited me at my office . . . "How did that last round game turn out?" he inquired. I told him I had won, but with difficulty. "Did you play Q-B5?" he asked. I told him quite frankly I couldn't remember what I had played. He immediately set up the exact position to "help" me remember, and then demonstrated the variation I should have played to have secured a much more economical win. The main point is . . . he remembered not only the position but also his fleeting analysis as he had passed my board months previously. (VII) "It is said that he has never forgotten a game he has played or an analysis he has read" (Schonberg 264). Fischer can also remember most of his speed games, in which both players are limited to five minutes to make all of their moves. After the Word Speed Chess championship at Hercegnovi, Yugoslavia, in 1970, "Fischer rattled off the scores of all his twenty-two games, involving more than 1,000 moves, from memory!" (Brady VIII). Not only does he remember speed chess directly after a match, he has also been known to remember for years. "Fischer met the Russian Player Vasiukov and showed him a speed game that the two had played in Moscow fifteen years before. Fischer recalled the game move by move" (Brady VII). It is plain to see that these qualities were instrumental in producing the chess accomplishments of Bobby Fischer, but his I.Q. and memory capacity could have gone nowhere without one final quality.

Bobby Fischer had an overwhelming desire to win. One of his teachers remarked about his abnormal competitive urge. "No matter what he played, whether it was baseball in the yard or tennis, he had to come out ahead of everybody. If he had been born next to a swimming pool he would have been a swimming champion. It just turned out to be chess." (Schonberg 261) "The boy, of a poor family and without any friends, had an overwhelming urge to win, to dominate, and chess became his outlet" (Schonberg 261). Fischer was a monomaniac, he had an obsession with one idea and that was to be the "Best Chessplayer of All time." People who were around Fischer would say that he studies chess day and night, and that they have never seen him do anything but chess. Fischer was totally dedicated to chess and had no room for girls or friends. The only people he saw socially were chessplayers. "Regarded as anti-social, resentful of all authority, he increasingly became alienated from his fellow men" (Hooper 115). Fischer satisfied his emotional life through the losses of his opponents, and that was why it was so important to win. After Fischer took the World Championship title from Spassky, Spassky later commented "Fischer has a burning desire to win every game."

Bobby Fischer's chess career was full of accomplishments that earned his peer-given title "The Best Chessplayer of All Time." His I.Q. and memory were essential to his success, and without his total devotion, he would have never became legend.

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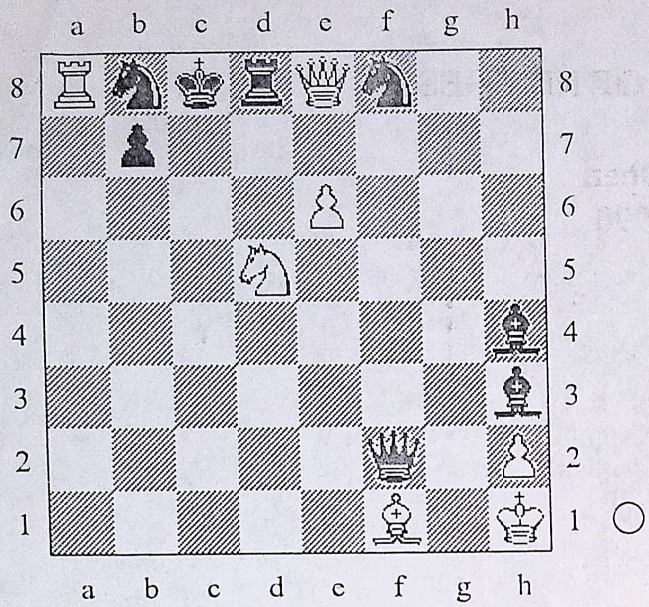


Chess Puzzle by David Bird of Lancaster, CA
submitted by Dan Turner
2026 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines, IA 50310

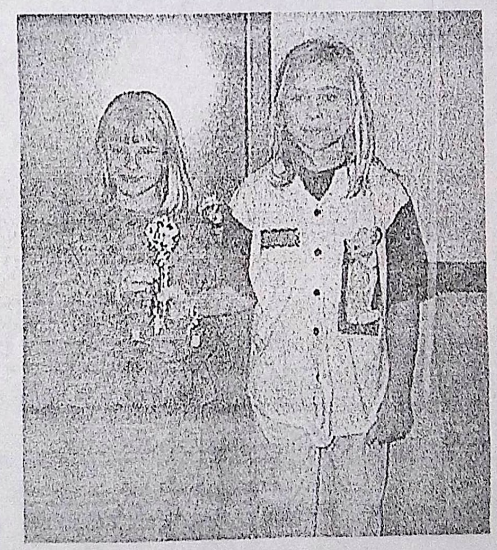
White to move & mate in 2

□ **Brent A. Askvig**
■ **Cliff Berger**
96 ND POSTAL–Center Counter

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd2 Qc7 7.Bc4 Bg4 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e6 11.0–0 Bd6 12.Rfe1 0–0 13.Rad1 a6 14.a3 e5 15.d5 Nb6 16.Bb3 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nbxd5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.Qb3 Rfe8
½–½

□ **Rick Case**
■ **Brent A. Askvig**
96 ND POSTAL–Pirc

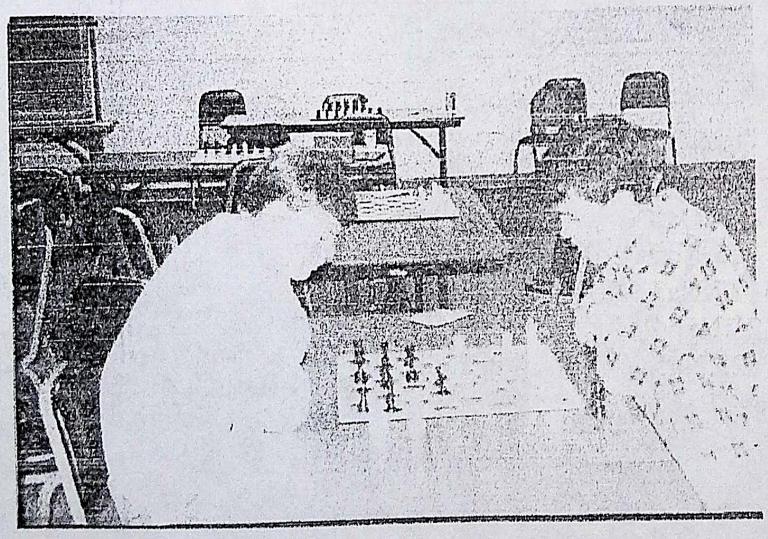
1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd3 Qxc5 8.Qe2 0–0 9.Be3 Qa5 10.0–0 Bg4 11.Rad1 Nc6 12.Bc4 Nh5 13.Rd5 Qc7 14.Rd2 Rac8 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.c3 a6 17.Na3 b5 18.Bd3 Bc6 19.c4 b4 20.Nc2 Bxb2 21.Nxb4 Bc3 22.Nxa6 Qb7 23.Rc2 Bg7 24.c5 d5 25.Ng5 Nd4 26.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Kh1 dxc4 28.Bxc4 Bxc5 29.Bd5 Qxd5 30.Nb4 Qb7 31.Nd3 Nf6 32.Nf3 Nc4 33.Nd4 Ng3+ 34.hxg3
1–0

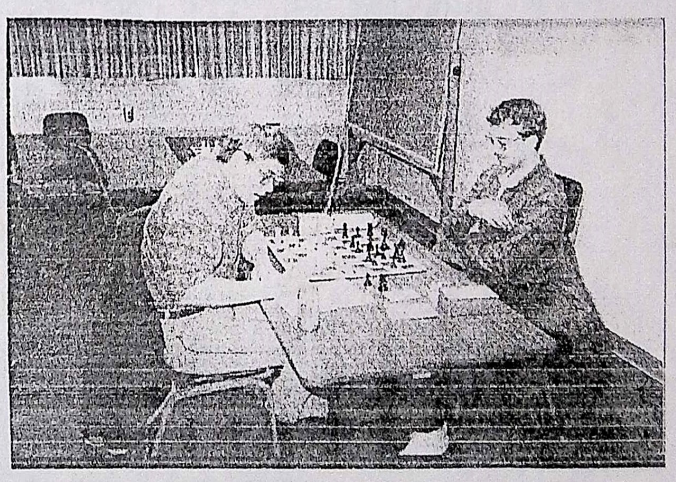


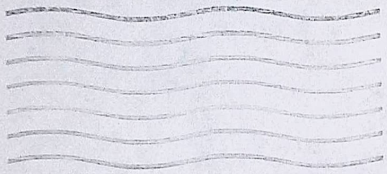
FROM THE ARCHIVES OF ND CHESS

Grafton Fall Open
October 20, 1990

In chair Jay Padden, Ist Row (L to R) Reuben Lubka, now an M.D., 2nd Row (L to R) Brian Thompson, Mike Miller, Doug Hlavinka, Art Bayley, 3rd Row (L to R) Cliff Barnum, John Allensworth. Mike Miller and Art Bayley tied for Ist with 3 points each.







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